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1. North Vietnam

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2. Chile

Nothing really new has come from the Chilean political scene since an angry President Frei announced last night that he would seek constitutional authority to dissolve Congress and call new elections.

This move puts Frei decidedly on the offensive again, but even so, he has almost no chance of getting permission in time for his US trip. In fact, he said yesterday he might not be able to attend the inter-American summit conference in April.

3. Guatemala

The youngbloods in the Guatemalan Communist Party are feuding with the old guard over how fast and how far to proceed with a campaign of violence. The upshot may be a break between the party's guerrilla arm, which wants action now, and the more conservative leadership.

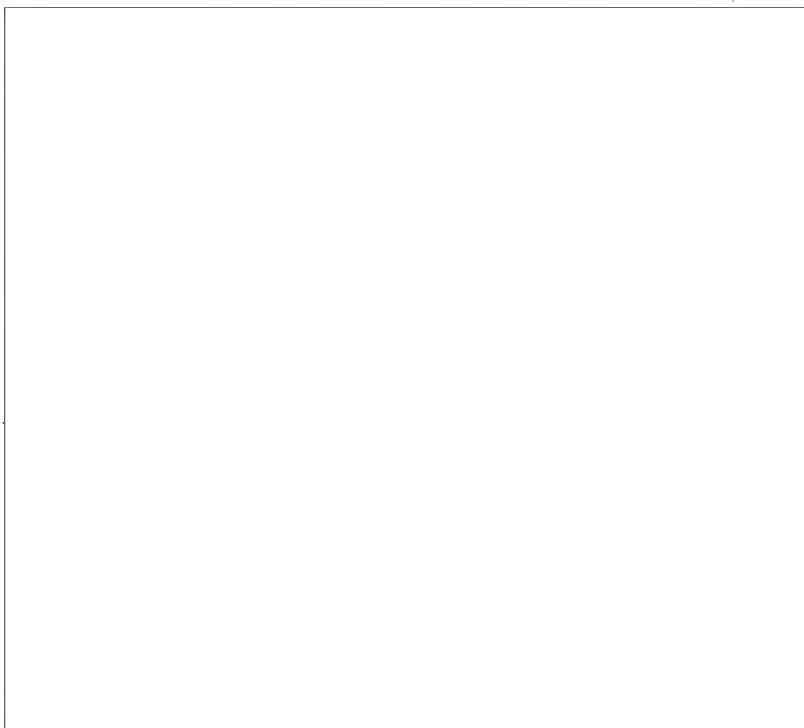
Fidel Castro has been stirring things up behind the scene. He has gotten the ear of some of the hotheads to insist that Guatemala is ripe for revolution and that the only obstacle is the Communist old guard which should be repudiated and thrown out.

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4. Communist China

An intense poster attack is now being mounted against one of Lin Piao's close military associates. This man only last week had been named deputy head of the army's purge group. The posters claim that it was Madame Mao who put the finger on him. All in all, the fortunes of Lin Piao seem to have faded badly in the past few weeks.

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6. Macao

Pressure is up again. Chinese gunboats are said to have resumed their position off the colony and local Communists are set to take to the streets.



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7. Congo

The Mobutu government announced today that foreign technicians will be forbidden to leave the country until the end of the current negotiations with the Belgians. The Congolese will probably be able to make this stick.

On the face of it, this means that copper production will continue at least for the time being, but tension in Katanga is bound to increase, and with it the chances for racial incidents.

8. Ghana

The military regime is worried about Nkrumah's plotting a comeback. Tight security measures have been imposed following the disclosure of a plot to assassinate the eight members of the ruling National Liberation Council, the US ambassador, and the British high commissioner.

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